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Question1: With all of the farmer input cost rising higher than ever before, the farmer can not afford to take less. Family farms will be more efficeint than large corporation farms. I will soon have a son-in-law involved with our farm. We need young men and women to replace the aging farmers. How can he afford to buy part of my equipment, not to mention more. I am left no choice but to pay him a salary at the present time. Can there be a program for me to help him get started and still allow me to service my debts. A one time interest free or very low interest loan for equipment and or land for him would be helpful, then I could shift some of the farm acreage to him because he would be helping pay the farm equipment debt and or land debt as well.

Question2: Without a farm program as we know it today, the large companies could buy all the farm land, not be efficient, and control the food chain like the oil industry controls fuel prices. Instead of paying \$4.00 for a MCDonalds meal, you would pay \$40.00. The safety net must remain in place if you want food and food cheap. This is essential for farmers who started years ago with nothing and even more important in starting a younger generation of farmers.

PP// Regarding farm policy to maximize US competiveness is where the government uses some of the grain enchancenents to overseas sales to keep the grain prices above LDP rates. Our government could do much more in controlling the basis on crops as well. A bushels of corn is a bushel of corn. It shouldn't be worth \$ 2.50 per bu. one day and \$2.20 the next day. The way grain prices are established may need to change.

"Room for thought only." I am not saying it is Right or Wrong.

The paradine approach may be appropriate. Think outside the box of the way grain prices are established. Legalized gambling or trading is no way to set grain prices. The oil prices show the perfect example, the inflated prices only hurt the medium and poor income families. The very wealthy will never know the difference.

Question3: It is done about as fair as you can now. Why try to fix something that seems to work. You could look at the Earl Butz days and incorporate some of the methods used then with todays current farm program. Some of those methods was subsidizing the products to other countries when surpluses are high. Please make sure you understand the economic differences between the US family farmer who works 70 hours a week and the possiblity of large corporations buying all the land who would only care about dividends and huge profits. As I said before the US family farmer will produce food, grain, cheaper than any other type of farm owned entity. Other farm entities I am again referring to is the possibility of a large company or companies owning or controlling all the farm land, grain and livestock prices,the entire food chain and more important the price the consumer pays for food. The US Family Farms do a great job feeding America and more. Why cut the family farmers pay when he has no controll over the markets, no control over the cost of

his inputs, and takes a risk every year. When farmers work long hours, work hard, try to be efficient as possible, take huge risks, why not show them they are appreciated instead of how we can take away from them. Seed, fertilizers, chemicals, fuel, insurance, medical bills, farm equipment, farm repairs, farm utilities, farm supplies and more are rising from 12 to 50% a year. If you want this nation to have cheap food, I suggest you keep the farm bill safety net and think about promoting to the American public how thankful we are for all the food we eat. Soon, they may want to thank the farmer for raising crops that can be used for fuel. Such as 85% ethanol.

PP/ The farmer should be treated with appreciation for producing an abundance of grain for cheap food. I feel like no one cares about the great job the US farmer does for the people of this nation.

Question4: Farmers as a whole are good stewards of the soil. Each farming area must be looks at individually regarding the best type of conservation and environmental goals.

The farmers I know try to be great stewards of the soil which includes conservation and environmental stewardship.

Question5: When a farmers loses his ground to a highway bypass, he should be compensated enough to replace his land when other land becomes available, not necessarily be bought out, but replace land for land.

Much of the increase in land prices have been inflated because of the 10-31 exchanges. People living near expanding cities sell their farm land for very high prices (10 to 30 times the going farm land rate) and then go buy farm land elsewhere at 1.5 times the going rate per acre to prevent paying taxes on the land they sold for development. This is like hitting the lottery and not paying any kind of tax. "THIS ALONE HAS contributed more to LAND PRICES TO BEING INFLATED, NOT THE Farm Subsidy Bill as we know it today."

Question6: Our USDA should be promoting genetically modified grown crops. This is much safer than using insecticides for example. Organic farming in my opinion is not safe because of the bugs, rot, disease, fungus, that grow on these crops and can't be treated.

Market Development is and will always be very important to the success of US Agriculture.

If expanded markets such as ethanol and more can be developed, the prices for the grain should be high enough that LDP's as we know it today will not have to be paid. Don't hold back on research, especially genetically modified crops. They are more safe to the consumers to eat.